

**Table 28. Life expectancy at birth, at 65 years of age, and at 75 years of age, according to race and sex:  
United States, selected years 1900–2000**

[Data are based on death certificates]

Specified age and year	All races			White			Black <sup>1</sup>		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>At birth</b>									
1900 <sup>2,3</sup> .....	47.3	46.3	48.3	47.6	46.6	48.7	33.0	32.5	33.5
1950 <sup>3</sup> .....	68.2	65.6	71.1	69.1	66.5	72.2	60.8	59.1	62.9
1960 <sup>3</sup> .....	69.7	66.6	73.1	70.6	67.4	74.1	63.6	61.1	66.3
1970.....	70.8	67.1	74.7	71.7	68.0	75.6	64.1	60.0	68.3
1980.....	73.7	70.0	77.4	74.4	70.7	78.1	68.1	63.8	72.5
1985.....	74.7	71.1	78.2	75.3	71.8	78.7	69.3	65.0	73.4
1990.....	75.4	71.8	78.8	76.1	72.7	79.4	69.1	64.5	73.6
1991.....	75.5	72.0	78.9	76.3	72.9	79.6	69.3	64.6	73.8
1992.....	75.8	72.3	79.1	76.5	73.2	79.8	69.6	65.0	73.9
1993.....	75.5	72.2	78.8	76.3	73.1	79.5	69.2	64.6	73.7
1994.....	75.7	72.4	79.0	76.5	73.3	79.6	69.5	64.9	73.9
1995.....	75.8	72.5	78.9	76.5	73.4	79.6	69.6	65.2	73.9
1996.....	76.1	73.1	79.1	76.8	73.9	79.7	70.2	66.1	74.2
1997.....	76.5	73.6	79.4	77.1	74.3	79.9	71.1	67.2	74.7
1998.....	76.7	73.8	79.5	77.3	74.5	80.0	71.3	67.6	74.8
1999.....	76.7	73.9	79.4	77.3	74.6	79.9	71.4	67.8	74.7
2000.....	76.9	74.1	79.5	77.4	74.8	80.0	71.7	68.2	74.9
<b>At 65 years</b>									
1950 <sup>2</sup> .....	13.9	12.8	15.0	---	12.8	15.1	13.9	12.9	14.9
1960 <sup>2</sup> .....	14.3	12.8	15.8	14.4	12.9	15.9	13.9	12.7	15.1
1970.....	15.2	13.1	17.0	15.2	13.1	17.1	14.2	12.5	15.7
1980.....	16.4	14.1	18.3	16.5	14.2	18.4	15.1	13.0	16.8
1985.....	16.7	14.5	18.5	16.8	14.5	18.7	15.2	13.0	16.9
1990.....	17.2	15.1	18.9	17.3	15.2	19.1	15.4	13.2	17.2
1991.....	17.4	15.3	19.1	17.5	15.4	19.2	15.5	13.4	17.2
1992.....	17.5	15.4	19.2	17.6	15.5	19.3	15.7	13.5	17.4
1993.....	17.3	15.3	18.9	17.4	15.4	19.0	15.5	13.4	17.1
1994.....	17.4	15.5	19.0	17.5	15.6	19.1	15.7	13.6	17.2
1995.....	17.4	15.6	18.9	17.6	15.7	19.1	15.6	13.6	17.1
1996.....	17.5	15.7	19.0	17.6	15.8	19.1	15.8	13.9	17.2
1997.....	17.7	15.9	19.2	17.8	16.0	19.3	16.1	14.2	17.6
1998.....	17.8	16.0	19.2	17.8	16.1	19.3	16.1	14.3	17.4
1999.....	17.7	16.1	19.1	17.8	16.1	19.2	16.0	14.3	17.3
2000.....	17.9	16.3	19.2	17.9	16.3	19.2	16.2	14.5	17.4
<b>At 75 years</b>									
1980.....	10.4	8.8	11.5	10.4	8.8	11.5	9.7	8.3	10.7
1985.....	10.6	9.0	11.7	10.6	9.0	11.7	10.1	8.7	11.1
1990.....	10.9	9.4	12.0	11.0	9.4	12.0	10.2	8.6	11.2
1991.....	11.1	9.5	12.1	11.1	9.5	12.1	10.2	8.7	11.2
1992.....	11.2	9.6	12.2	11.2	9.6	12.2	10.4	8.9	11.4
1993.....	10.9	9.5	11.9	11.0	9.5	12.0	10.2	8.7	11.1
1994.....	11.0	9.6	12.0	11.1	9.6	12.0	10.3	8.9	11.2
1995.....	11.0	9.7	11.9	11.1	9.7	12.0	10.2	8.8	11.1
1996.....	11.1	9.8	12.0	11.1	9.8	12.0	10.3	9.0	11.2
1997.....	11.2	9.9	12.1	11.2	9.9	12.1	10.7	9.3	11.5
1998.....	11.3	10.0	12.2	11.3	10.0	12.2	10.5	9.2	11.3
1999.....	11.2	10.0	12.1	11.2	10.0	12.1	10.4	9.2	11.1
2000.....	11.3	10.1	12.1	11.3	10.1	12.1	10.5	9.4	11.2

<sup>1</sup>Data shown for 1900–60 are for the nonwhite population.

<sup>2</sup>Death registration area only. The death registration area increased from 10 States and the District of Columbia in 1900 to the coterminous United States in 1933.

<sup>3</sup>Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

NOTES: Beginning in 1997 life table methodology was revised to construct complete life tables by single years of age that extend to age 100. (Anderson RN. Method for Constructing Complete Annual U.S. Life Tables. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(129). 1999.) Previously abridged life tables were constructed for 5-year age groups ending with the age group 85 years and over. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System; Grove RD and Hetzel AM. Vital Statistics Rates in the United States, 1940–1960. DHEW Pub. No. (PHS) 1677. Public Health Service. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1968; life expectancy trend data available at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/mordata.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/major/dvs/mordata.htm); Mirino AM, Arias E, Kochanek KD, Murphy SL, Smith BL. Deaths: Final data for 2000. National vital statistics reports. vol 50 no 15. Hyattsville, Maryland: National Center for Health Statistics. 2002.